MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The allocation of power from Central Sector projects is made as per Central formula for allocation of power from Central Thermal Power Stations. During the current financial year from April, 1991 to January, 1992, the question of energy supplied from Ramagundam Sour Thermal Power Station of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to Kerala is 1031.7 Million Units against its entitlement of 953.5 Million Units.

(c) The entitlement vis-a-vis actual drawl by Kerala from the Central Sector i. e. Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station, Kalpakam and Neyveli-II Thermal Power Station during April, 1991 to February, 1992 are as follows:

Entitlement (In Million Units)	*Actual drawals* (In Million Units)
1824.4	1737.7

(d) and (e). Power supply to the beneficiary states is regulated not by NTPC but by the Regional Electricity Board depending on the demand and availability of power in the grid and other system constraints. There is no system for allocation of additional power for clearing back-log.

Prices of Newspapers

3193. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the measures the Government propose to take to curb the steep rise in prices of newspapers in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): The prices of newspaper are fixed by the concerned publishers. The Government do not interfere in such matter.

Utilisation of Monsoon Rivers Water for Rajasthan

3194. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for the utilisation of the dater of the monsoon rivers for drought prone districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the water of the Indira Gandhi Canal (Rajasthan Canal) is expected to be available; and

(d) the efforts made for the completion of the Canal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). National Water Development Agency has, under the National Perspective of Water Resources Development, recently taken up a broad based study of the Himalayan Rivers Development Component which inter-alia envisages diversion of surplus monsoon water from River Ganga and its estern tributaries to the water short areas of Rajasthan also. Their report is expected to be available by the end of the 8th Plan

(c) Water has been made available from Indira Gandhi Nahar System since 1961-62. The Stage-I of the project having irrigation potential of 5.76 lakh ha. has already been completed and almost full potential utilised. Work on Stage-II of the project is in progress and an irrigation potential of 1.86 lakh ha. has been created by March, 1991. Actual irrigation achieved during 1991-92 is 0.4 lakh ha. The State Government have informed that the completion of the Stage-II

having irrigation potential of 8.1 lakh ha. is likely to extend to the 10th Plan.

(d) Liberal Central assistance has been extended from time to time for canal and area development works as under:–

	Durino	1990–91 VII plan	1991–92 (Rs. crores)	
I.	For water courses under Centrally sponsored schemes for Command Area Development	45.60	19.99	9.64
II.	For Canal works			
	(a) Advance plan assistance	45.00	—	—
	(b) Drought Relief assistance	20.00	—	—
	(c) Border Area Development Grant	60.70	28. 60	27.80
	Total for canal works	125.70	28.60	27.80

Chambial Commander Are Development Phase–II

3195. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Chambal Command Area Development Phase–II projects;

(b) whether the cost has been revised;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) when the cost is likely to be revised;

(e) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government for this projects so far; and

(f) the details of progress made in the implementation of that project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA). (a) to (d). The estimated cost of the Chambal Command Area Development Phase–II project, as per 1987 estimate was Rs. 51.90 crores. Government of Rajasthan has recently submitted a revised cost estimate for Rs. 89.57 crore in March, 1992. The revision was required because of the escalation in the rates of various items. The revised estimate is based on 1990-91 rates.

(e) No amount has been sanctioned so far for Chambal Command Area Development Phase–II.

(f) The projects is not yet taken up for implementation.

Scarcity of Tourismrelated Equipment

3196. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a severe scarcity of tourism related equipments in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ensure the availability of these